

# The Flying K

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Air Show Edition

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## Welcome Aboard Naval Air Station Kingsville

10:00 Gates open  
11:45 Announcer Rob Reider and Capt. Phil Waddingham remarks.  
11:40 Army Golden Knights launch.  
12:00 Air Boss requests to start show.  
12:05 National Anthem (Saturday performed by Emerson Drive; Sunday performed by Rob Reider)  
12:15 Golden Knights jump.  
12:30 T-45 photo pass / pattern work.  
12:40 Paul Fiala performance.  
12:52 Tora, Tora, Tora performance.  
1:05 Rob Holland / Jack Knutson two-plane performance.  
1:10 Tora, Tora, Tora sneak attack.  
1:45 Dale Brown (crop duster).  
1:55 Jan Collmer performance.  
2:05 USAF Viper East performance.  
2:20 Rob Holland solo performance.  
2:35 Homeland Security helo launch.  
2:55 Enlistment Ceremony (Saturday).  
3:00 Fat Albert launch.  
3:15 Blues Angels walk to aircraft.  
3:30 Blue Angels performance.  
4:30 Musical entertainment.  
5:00 Emerson Drive Concert (Saturday Only)  
6:30 Concert Complete.  
7:00 Air Station closes.

## Enjoy The Show!

## 'Let The Show Begin!' Wings Over South Texas is here!

The buzz of some of the military's fastest jet aircraft will be heard over the skies of Kingsville this weekend and local residents couldn't be happier. NAS Kingsville will open its gates for the 2010 'Wings Over South Texas' Air Show at 10 a.m. both days for a solid line-up of entertainment for the whole family. Base officials are expecting one of the largest crowds ever for the two-day show.

"We are thrilled that Air Show Week has finally arrived and we hope that residents from all around Kingsville will join us for our 2010 show," said NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer Capt. Phil Waddingham. "We are happy to say that this event is an all-military affair, with teams from the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and the Army participating in the show. We also have the Department of Homeland Security, and a number of top-notch civil-

ian acts lined up, including world aerobatic champion Rob Holland and the Commemorative Air Force's Tora, Tora, Tora. It's going to be a great show, and the weather forecast for the weekend looks awesome!"

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels and Fat Albert Airlines headline the show, along with the U.S. Army parachute team, the Golden Knights, and the U.S.A.F. Air Combat Command's Viper East team flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The schedule of events gets underway at about 11:45 each day.

"We also have something different this year," Waddingham added. "After our show on Saturday, the Grammy-nominated country music band Emerson Drive will put on a free concert for our guests on the air field tarmac. Emerson Drive is one of country music's elite performing bands and they promise to put on quite a show."

Gates will open both days at 10 a.m. For those who arrive early there will be plenty to do. For aviation enthusiasts, there will be more than 30 static aircrafts on display - of all sizes. For children, a large KidZone will offer games and rides for a minimal fee throughout the day.

Guests may bring lawn chairs with them to the show, and parking is conveniently located close to the airfield. There will be a short delay getting through the Security check points, but nothing more than a few minutes. Coolers are not permitted. For a list of items that you may bring with you, visit the air show Web site at [www.wingsoversouthtexas.org](http://www.wingsoversouthtexas.org). All access to the base by the general public will be through the Gen. Cavazos Blvd. Gate (Main Gate).

Welcome aboard NAS Kingsville and enjoy our "Wings Over South Texas" Air Show - this year, it's more than just wings!!





**Capt. Phil Waddingham**  
Commanding Officer,  
NAS Kingsville



## From the Bridge

As I write this, I have just returned from a training sortie with a student from VT-21. As base commanding officer, I don't get to fly as much as I would like, but TW-2 offers me the regular opportunity to keep my name on the flight schedule. This flight was a familiarization flight, involving aerobatics in the working area, and then landings back at home field. As we taxied out to the runway, we passed Air Operations, where Blue Angel Number 7 was parked and being fueled for the afternoon's media and key influencer rides. Rob Holland could be seen flying overhead in his MX-2, with his media rider on board. I had to fight the urge to focus on the air show and stay focused on the training flight I was responsible for. Aviators

call this 'compartmentalizing,' and I have to admit, I couldn't help but think (for a brief moment) how good it feels to finally have air show season arrive.

We did not get here casually. For the last two years, our air show planning team, led by Lt. Michael "Butters" Wildman, has been working overtime to bring the Naval Air Station and the City of Kingsville the best air show possible. As we have said in our press releases, radio and TV interviews, and Web pages, "This year it's more than just wings." With an all-star cast led by the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels, and Grammy-nominated country music artists Emerson Drive, we truly have something for everyone. Be prepared to fill your need for speed, and much, much more.

The base is ready for this long-awaited-for open house event. Installation appearance initiatives, such as our new memorial air park and center-piece Blue Angel static display esplanade, new electronic marquee, and general care and upkeep of facilities has resulted in our base looking better than ever. I hope all of you are as proud of how we look now as I am.

There are two heavy-lifters on the Kingsville team that I want to recognize

publicly, who have been instrumental in the base taking on its new appearance. They are Lt. Brent Simmons, our base supply officer, and Ens. Clayton Beame, our Assistant Public Works Officer. These officers are true professionals and took the vision of creating a memorial air park, and turned it into a reality. And they did this ahead of schedule and under budget. Gentlemen, to each of you I say, "Bravo Zulu on a job well done!" The positive feedback I have received from folks all over the base has been nothing short of outstanding. NAS Kingsville has the "wow" factor that all of us have said for years now that it was lacking. As one of only two premier flight training complexes charged with the mission of training our future Navy and Marine carrier strike aviators, we should look and feel like the world-class institution that we are. Now, we do.

But as I have told you in previous editions, we will not stop there. In just over one month, our new McFall Chapel will be open for business. And more projects will follow. Stay tuned!

Speaking of projects, I had the pleasure of participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of our new Jet Engine Test cell this week. Our facility engineering and de-

sign officer, Ens. Roland Ngogang led me and the Commodore on a tour of the new facility. This state-of-the-art complex, one of only two like it in the country, will help TW-2, Rolls Royce, and L-3 meet all production goals by keeping T-45 engines in ready for training status.

Finally, I want to make sure everyone is aware that my relief, Capt. Mark "Mac" McLaughlin, is on board NAS Kingsville having recently turned over his job as the training officer (N7) for CNATRA. We will make complete introductions in later editions, but for now I just wanted you to know he has joined our team, and by all accounts, he is anxious to take the helm! Welcome aboard, Mac!

I hope everyone who is able to enjoys this weekend's air show and planned events. We have worked hard all year, and this is a good time to take a well deserved break and enjoy the business of aviation in a slightly different way. For those of you who will be working this weekend, I want to thank you for your dedication and support. We could not put on an event of this caliber without you.

Now, on the flight deck, the flight deck is clear, and we have a green light for launch. Launch jets! Waddz

## Deckplate Leadership: From the Command Master Chief



**CMDCM (SW/AW/FMF)**  
**Charlie Ratliff**  
Command Master Chief



Greetings Team Kingsville,

As all of you know, this weekend is the biggest weekend of the year for the City of Kingsville and all of us here on the Naval Air Station. This weekend we will be welcoming the Navy's Blue Angels and tons of other performers who will be highlighted in the 2010 Wings Over South Texas Air Show! This year's air show will even feature a free concert by the Grammy-nominated band "Emerson Drive." Attendance at this year's show is expected to shatter all previous records and that is a great thing!

Most of our civilian guests probably don't even realize all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to put on a show of this magnitude. Lt. Michael Wildman, this year's air show director, has spent months making preparations for this huge event. The Air Show Committee, which consists of representatives from every department on board the air station – military

and civilian personnel – Naval Air Station, has painstakingly gone over every possible detail to make sure that everything goes off smoothly. Our Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dept. folks have done a wonderful job off obtaining sponsorships required to pull off an event of this size. And finally, the Sailors of NAS Kingsville, will spend countless hours setting up for the event, then breaking everything down after the show is over. Sailors will also be working both days of the event doing everything from controlling aircraft, to parking cars, to keeping the airfield clean during the show.

As I said before, many of our civilian guests won't even realize all the hard work that has gone into putting this outstanding event on. In fact, I don't expect them to. What I want is for our guests to walk away from this year's show saying, "Wow, the NAS Kingsville's 'Wings Over South Texas' 2010 Air Show was the GREATEST!" And my reason for wanting our guests to leave with that feeling is because the success of this year's Air Show is a direct reflection of the hard work each and every one of you has put into it! Thanks "Team Kingsville" for showing our guests why this is the greatest Naval Air Station in the United States Navy!



*2008 World Aerobatic champion Rob Holland got the rare opportunity to fly alongside the Blue Angels during a pre-show practice flight Thursday, March 25. Holland, who has been performing in air shows for 13 years said afterwards that it was one of his "greatest experiences ever!" Photo by Scott Slocum, Aero Marketing Group.*



**Capt. Mark Brooks**  
Commander  
Training Air Wing TWO

As you read this, I hope that the skies over NAS Kingsville are alive with flying machines participating in the 'Wings over South Texas' air show. I for one am truly looking forward to the festivities this week. Probably more than anywhere else in Naval Aviation, it is easy to get consumed by the volume and intensity of our effort to train half of all Navy and Marine Corps carrier aviators, including those from allied and partner navies. So, I wish everyone a good weekend sharing this fantastic profession with our fellow citizens that don't get to enjoy an air show every day of the week!

Our "production line" in Training Wing TWO continues to hum along unabated. Three months into 2010 we've al-

ready completed two Carrier Qualification Detachments (one to San Diego, Calif., and one to Jacksonville, Fla.) and one Weapons Detachment to El Centro, Calif. We are preparing for one of each next month. As the T-45 Model Manager, TW-2 Staff officers have conducted various inspections of the other T-45 Wings in Meridian, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., as well as our own Wing. Staff and Squadron officers recently completed their Executive MBA (EMBA) studies, culminating in a very professional study and brief to me and Skipper Waddingham on options for improving NASK MWR Quality of Life programs. All of that while churning out hundreds of sorties a week here at home and on cross countries. I've said it before and I'll say it again: you all are part of a pretty impressive operation!

Finally, I received some sobering news this evening from my counterpart at TW-1 in Meridian, Capt. "Opie" Taylor. He and his team lost one of their own recently to an apparent suicide. I'm sure we will know more in coming days as investigations get

underway. I told him how sorry I was to hear that news and that we stood ready to help – as I said it, I felt like it sounded hollow and told him so. He was gracious, said he appreciated the offer and that it "sucked." That it does. Both Opie and I commanded Strike Fighter Squadrons and now have the privilege of commanding the combined organization that produces ALL of the combat quality aviation professionals capable of operating from aircraft carriers. I know I speak for him when I say that nothing is harder to handle than the loss of one of our own. I told you in last week's Flying K that my #1 goal for 2010 (and beyond) was zero mishaps. Period. I promise you I mean that, particularly tonight as I think of what our teammates – and family – at TW-1 are experiencing. Call me a wimp, but I don't want to go through that experience.

Be professional. Be safe. Take care of each other.

Regards, Fingers.

## Chief of Naval Air Training



**Rear Adm. William Sizemore**  
Chief of Naval Air  
Training

Greetings!

As Chief of Naval Air Training, I welcome you to the 2010 NAS Kingsville Air Show. It is with great anticipation that we welcome the Blue Angels and we are thrilled that you will start your day with us.

The men and women of NAS Kingsville, both military and civilian, are proud to host this event and hope that you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy bringing it to you.

"While the open terrain and outstanding weather are important factors in our operations, there is no doubt that it is the support we receive from the community that enables us to "train like we fight" and is vital to the effectiveness of our military forces in actual combat.

We have an excellent lineup of performers again this year, starting off with the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, the U.S. Air Force's Viper East, the U.S. Army's Golden Knights, and world aerobatic champion Rob Holland. But we've also got some exciting new acts this year like the Com-



memorative Air Force's Tora, Tora, Tora, and aerobatic performer Jack Knutson, along with air show veterans Jan Collmer and Paul Fiala.

I am honored to have been the Chief of Naval Air Training stationed in Corpus Christi for the past year and delighted to work with the people of NAS Kingsville. I have no doubt that this year's air show will be the best one the base has ever hosted. We hope that your visit to Kingsville is a memorable one and we hope to see you again in a couple of years.

Enjoy the Show!

RDML Bill Sizemore



*The World's Best Pilots  
Are Trained Here!*



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## Rob Reider calling the shots from Air Show Center Stage

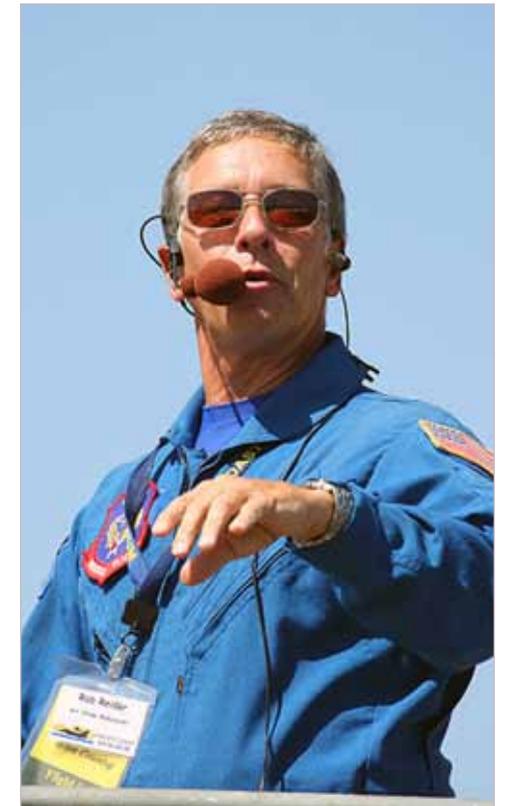
Rob Reider will be calling the shots this weekend. Reider, Wings Over South Texas Air Show Announcer, recipient of the coveted ICAS "Sword of Excellence," entertainer, pilot, Midwest television personality, singer, performer, writer, and winner of 5 Emmy awards has put all his experience into bringing the excitement of air shows "up close and personal" to audiences all over the country.

2010 marks Rob's 32nd year as an announcer and his 5th as a full-time air show announcer.

With 88 shows completed in the last four years, he's excited about the upcoming season.

All of his entertainment, show business, video, and aviation experience has given him the ability to communicate the excitement of air shows to the audience.

"I've never gotten over just how amazing air show performers are," Rob says. "Narrating a show is a wonderful opportunity to try to put an audience 'into the cockpit.' Besides, when I'm announcing, I have the best seat in the house!"



## KISD Superintendant Emilio Castro rides with Rob Holland



*KING TV69 cameraman Benny Guerra rolls the tape as KING reporter Mingo Chavez interviews aerobatic champion Rob Holland following his flight with Emilio Castro. KING will be broadcasting a full-length report on the "Wings Over South Texas" air show, in early April.*

*Above: Kingsville Independent School district Superintendant Emilio, fro, takes a VIP ride with Rob Holland in the Window World MX-2. Castro was one of several local VIP's and media representatives that got to fly with Holland during air show week.*



# Jack Knutson

Jack Knutson, founder of the Firebirds Aerobatic Team, features his Extra 300-S, a 300 horsepower monoplane, which is designed with one goal in mind - unlimited aerobatics.

With a top speed of over 250 mph, a roll rate in excess of 400 degrees per second, and structural limitations of +10/-10 Gs, the Extra 300-S is the perfect airplane for demonstrating flight on the wild side.



Rob Holland in his MX2 (top) and Jack Knutson in his Extra 300-S, perform together.

# Paul Fiala

Paul performs in about 10 air shows a year - performing mostly in Texas. He thrills the crowd with his bright Yellow Great Lakes Biplane, a throwback to the barnstormer days that made air shows a legend throughout the United States. Paul thrills the crowd with his extraordinary skills as he flies poetry in the sky in his flying act.

A native of Corpus Christ, Paul has been piloting aircraft for 55 years. He completed his first solo flight at Corpus Christi's Cudahy Field at the age of 16 in 1953, flying an Aeronica 7-AC Champion.

Today, Paul is the chief pilot for the King Ranch. For many years, Paul was based out of Kingsville, but when King Ranch moved their corporate headquarters to Houston, Paul shifted his home-base.

Paul Fiala and his Great Lakes Biplane perform overhead.



# Jan Collmer

Jan Collmer is a native of Dallas. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics/Physics at the University of Texas at Arlington in 1963. Later, he worked toward an MBA at Southern Methodist University in 1968.

Collmer's many civic activities include numerous board appointments, including a term as Chairman of the Greater Dallas Chamber. He just completed his second term as a board member of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. He also serves as a trustee at University of Dallas and recently the Jesuit College Preparatory School Foundation. He is a member of the board of directors at Southwest Securities. He has also served in board positions for the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Despite Collmer's successful business career, flying remains his first love. He was awarded his U.S. Navy pilot's wings at NAS Corpus Christi in 1956. He flew Navy fighter planes for 10 years, both active and



Jan Collmer in his Fina Extra 300-L

Reserve, until he retired as a Lt. Commander in 1966. Since then, Jan has become an accomplished air show pilot and has flown air shows all across the country, including the only air show performance (October 1996) over Dallas-Fort Worth Airport since it started operations in 1974. Collmer flies a red and white EXTRA 300L.

# CAF P-39 Airacobra



The Bell P-39 entered service in 1941. The P-39 was unusual in having an engine mounted behind the pilot, with a driveshaft running between his legs, and having a 37mm cannon that fired through the propeller spinner.

One of only three operational P-39s in the world, the Commemorative

Air Force's P-39 Airacobra paint job is in the markings and colors of the 350th Fighter Group, which consisted of the 345th, 346th and 347th Fighter Squadrons. They flew P-39s in North Africa and Italy.

Photo: Brian Silcox • [www.realtime.net/centex/p39.htm](http://www.realtime.net/centex/p39.htm)

# U. S. Navy Blue Angels

The Blue Angels' mission is to enhance Navy and Marine Corps recruiting efforts and to represent the Naval service to the United States, its elected leadership and foreign nations. The Blue Angels serve as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors for the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps.

A Blue Angels flight demonstration exhibits choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all Naval Aviators. The Blue Angels' C-130, affectionately known as 'Fat Albert,' begins each demonstration by exhibiting its maximum performance capabilities during a ten-minute performance. Shortly thereafter, spectators will see the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four-jet Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two Solo pilots. Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, perform-



ing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

The team is stationed at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, during the show season. However, the squadron spends January through March training pilots and new team members at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.

The Blue Angels are scheduled to fly 68 air shows at 35 air show sites in the United States during the 2010 season, as the team celebrates our 23rd year of flying the F/A-18 Hornet.

Last season, more than 8 million spectators watched the Blue Angels perform. Since its inception in 1946, the Blue Angels have performed for more than 463 million fans.



*The U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform over the skies over Corpus Christi during the 2009 South Texas Shootout air show at NAS Corpus Christi.*

Sixteen Navy and Marine Corps aviators make-up the Blue Angels team. Each year the team typically selects three tactical (fighter or fighter/attack) jet pilots, two support officers and one Marine Corps C-130 pilot to relieve departing members.

The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), located at NAS Corpus Christi, selects "Boss," the Blue Angels Commanding Officer. "Boss" must have at least 3,000 tactical jet flight-hours and must have commanded a tactical jet squadron. The Commanding Officer flies the Number 1 jet.

Career-oriented Navy and Marine Corps jet pilots with aircraft carrier qualifications and a minimum of 1,250 tactical jet flight-hours are eligible for positions flying jets Number 2 through

7. The Events Coordinator, Number 8, is a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) or a Marine Corps Weapons and Sensors Officer (WSO) who meets the same criteria as Numbers 2 through 7. The Marine Corps pilots flying the Transport/Cargo-130T Hercules aircraft (Fat Albert) must be aircraft-commander-qualified with at least 1,200 flight-hours.

Career-oriented officers specializing in maintenance, administration, aviation medicine, public affairs and supply fill support positions. The Blue Angels base their selection of these officers on professional ability, military bearing and communication skills. Blue Angels officers are well-rounded representatives of their fleet counterparts.



*The U.S. Navy Blue Angels' six-plane Delta Formation*

## Blue Angels pilots

**Cmdr. Greg McWherter, USN**  
Commanding Officer / Flight Leader

**Lt. Cmdr. Frank Weisser, USN**  
Lead Solo / Blue Angel 5

**Lt. Jim Tomaszeski, USN**  
Right Wing / Blue Angel 2

**Lt. Ben Walborn, USN**  
Opposing Solo / Blue Angel 6

**Lt. Rob Kurrle Jr., USN**  
Left Wing / Blue Angel 3

**Lt. C.J. Simonson, USN**  
Show Narrator, Blue Angel 7

**Maj. Chris Collins, USMC**  
Slot Position / Blue Angel 4

**Lt. Amy Tomlinson, USN**  
Events Coordinator, Blue Angel 8

## C-130 Pilots

**Major Brendan Burks, USMC**  
C-130 Pilot

**Capt. Edward JorgeUSMC**  
C-130 Pilot

**Capt. Benjamin Blanton, USMC**  
C-130 Pilot

## Support Officers

**Lt. Ted Thompson, USN**  
Maintenance Officer

**Lt. Johannah Valentine, USN**  
Flight Surgeon

**CWO4 Adolfo DeMontalvo, USMC**  
Administrative Officer

**Capt. Tyson Dunkelberger, USMC**  
Public Affairs Officer

**CWO3 Clive dixon, USMC**  
Supply Officer

## Enlisted Personnel

**CMDCM (AW/SW) Yoshimi Core**  
Command Master Chief

**AFCM(AW) Jerry Welsh**  
Maintenance Master Chief

**AECS(AW) Michael Askins**  
**AMCS(AW) George Harris**  
**ADCS(AW) Todd Matson**  
**MCC(SW) Kurt Anderson**  
**LSC(AW) Rodney Hatch**  
**AZC(AW/SW) Shannon Idlebird**  
**ADC(AW) Glenn Kildare**  
**YNC(SCW/FMF) Julie Long**  
**GySgt Todd Tubach**  
**AEC(AW) David Wentzel**  
**Fat Albert Airlines**  
**GySgt Ben Chapman**  
**GySgt Adam Church**  
**GySgt Joe Alley**  
**SSgt Jarred McIntosh**  
**SSgt Tommy Zurek**  
**Administration**  
**YN2(AW) Miriam Gutierrez**  
**YN2(SW) Chanel Campbell**  
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The Blue Angels maintenance and support crew travel aboard a Marine Corps C-130 Hercules aircraft, affectionately known as "Fat Albert." The C-130 is a tactical transport aircraft built by Lockheed-Martin and is flown by an all-Marine crew consisting of three pilots and five enlisted aircrew.

First integrated into the team in 1970, Fat Albert now flies more than 100,000 miles each season carrying 45 maintenance and support personnel along with the specialized equipment needed to complete a successful air show.

Every week, Fat Albert departs Pensacola in advance of the demonstration

jets to prepare for their arrival at each show site. The Blue Angels could not perform without this versatile aircraft. In addition to providing logistical support for the team, Fat Albert opens the Blue Angels' performance by displaying the tactical flight characteristics of the C-130 aircraft.

Fat Albert begins the flight demonstration with a low-transition takeoff maximum-effort climb, sending the Hercules skyward at a 45-degree nose-up lift-off to an altitude of 1,000 feet, simulating conditions in a hostile environment.

The C-130 concludes its profile by demonstrating its maximum-effort braking capability, bringing the aircraft to a

full stop in less than 1,000 feet. Fat Albert weighs 155,000 pounds fully-loaded and cruises at speeds of more than 320 knots (approximately 370 miles per hour) at altitudes as high as 35,000 feet.

Powered by four Rolls-Royce turbo-prop engines producing more than 18,000 shaft horsepower, Fat Albert was designed as a tactical transport aircraft capable of lifting heavy payloads into and out of unimproved airstrips as short as 2,500 feet.

Additionally, Marine Corps KC-130's provide aerial delivery and in-flight refueling of jet, helicopter and tilt rotor aircraft in support of military operations throughout the world.

## Maintenance Support Teams

The Blue Angels' Maintenance support team consists of the Events Coordinator, Maintenance Officer, Flight Surgeon, Administrative Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Supply Officer and approximately 110 enlisted Navy and Marine Corps volunteers. Alternating crews of about 45 team members travel to each show site. All career-oriented enlisted Navy or Marine Corps applicants come recommended for Blue Angels duty by their current commanding officer.

Applicants go through extensive screening, including interviewing with the members of each of the 15 squadron work centers. The keen selection process secures the squadron's tradition of excellence, ensuring the Blue Angels are a direct reflection of the professionalism of today's Sailors and Marines. After completing their Blue Angels tour, individuals return to the fleet to continue their Naval careers.

Selected enlisted personnel volunteer for a three-year tour with the squad-

ron. Though every team member brings skills in a distinct job specialty, each is expected to work beyond that specialty, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Blue Angels.

**Administration:** The Administration Department is responsible for executive and official correspondence, squadron records, pay and travel orders. Administration maintains instructions and notices, handles promotions and awards, and controls legal and security concerns.

**Aviation Medicine:** The Aviation Medicine Department is responsible for the health and wellness of each team member. The medical team performs annual physical examinations and emergency medical procedures, keeps medical and dental readiness up-to-date, and acts as a liaison for advanced medical care.

**Events Coordinator:** The Events Coordination Department schedules pre-season visits with show site sponsors and secures accommodations and ground support for each demonstration show.

**Fat Albert Airlines:** The all-Marine flight crew assigned to the squadron's Lockheed-Martin C-130 Hercules is responsible for transporting road-crew personnel, supplies and equipment to and from each show throughout the season.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Department consists of Airframes, Avionics, Corrosion Control, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, Maintenance Control, Power Plants, Quality Assurance and Video shops. The team is responsible for aircraft upkeep.

**Public Affairs Staff:** The Public Affairs staff designs, writes, photographs, edits, publishes and distributes all promotional materials, coordinates coverage and interviews with local, national and international media, and manages the VIP rider program.

**Supply/Logistics:** The Supply / Logistics Department researches, procures, stores, and issues spare parts, tools, and uniforms; researches future logistical needs and initiates contracts for services.

## Tora, Tora, Tora Commemorative Air Force

Tora, Tora, Tora is the Commemorative Air Force's recreation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that signaled the beginning of the American involvement in World War II. Designed as a living history lesson, Tora, Tora, Tora is intended as a memorial to all the soldiers on both sides who gave their lives for their countries.

During the average year, Tora participates in 12 to 16 air shows with 8-10 aircraft participating in each show. In addition, each performance includes approximately 61 pyrotechnic effects. The average Tora show requires the coordinated effort of a minimum of 20 to 26 individuals both in the air and on the ground.

As the pilots taxi for takeoff, Tora ground crew and bomb squad team



*Tora, Tora, Tora*

members can be seen saluting the pilots in the traditional Japanese fashion of a bow. From that moment in the air show, until the final notes of Kate Smith's rendition of "God Bless America" are heard as the smoke and fires from Tora finally fade away, the men and women of Tora are dedicated to one simple, yet powerful task... the telling of the story... "lest we forget."



**Enjoy the Ride!**



**The MX-2 aircraft**

Rob Holland, who resides in Nashua, N.H., has never known a time when he was not completely obsessed with aviation and aerobatics. At a young age his dad took him to an air show where he saw an airplane flying upside down, and knew that was what he had to do.

He has been flying since he was 18 and has accumulated more than 8,500 hours of flight time in over 156 different types of aircraft ranging from Piper Cubs to Regional Transport Aircraft, gliders to high performance aerobatic machines.

Holland graduated from Daniel Webster College in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation management and a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation flight operations. He is rated as an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) with a Certified Flight and Ground Instructor (CFI, CFII, IGI, AGI) rating and also holds a glider rating.

Rob has had a diverse aviation career: flight instructor, banner tow pilot, aircraft ferry pilot, Pilatus PC-12 corporate pilot, and commuter airline pilot. Today, he works full-time on the air show circuit, both domestically and abroad. Holland's infectious, upbeat, and approachable demeanor

## Rob Holland World Aerobatic Champion

makes him a favored crowd-pleaser at air shows throughout the country. His complete love of aviation is immediately apparent to everyone who meets him. He strives to instill into others his insatiable desire to excel and for them to actively pursue their goals and dreams.

In 2008, Rob Holland became the World Advanced Aerobatic Champion and helped pave the way for team USA to earn the Gold at the 8th World Advanced Aerobatic Championships. Rob is a three-time member of the United States Advanced Aerobatic Team, and he was the top-placing American at the 2004, 2006 and 2008 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships (AWAC). Rob placed second over all in the world at the 2006 AWAC held in Radom, Poland, and helped the U.S. Aerobatic Team secure second place in the team standings.

Holland is the 2008 U.S. National Unlimited Freestyle Champion, and "2008 Airshowbuzz.com Person of the Year." Later that same year Rob was awarded the "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" award from Daniel Webster College.

## Viper East

**USAF Air Combat Command  
Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.**

The F-16 Fighting Falcon, more commonly known to military pilots as the Viper, is a compact, extremely maneuverable multi-role fighter aircraft. The F-16 has proven itself in air-to-air combat as well as air-to-surface attack.

It can locate targets in all weather conditions and detect low flying aircraft in radar ground clutter. In an air-to-surface role, the F-16 can fly more than 500 miles (860 kilometers), deliver its weapons with superior accuracy, defend itself against enemy aircraft, and return to its starting point.

In designing the F-16, advanced aerospace science and proven reliable systems from other aircraft such as the F-15 and F-111 were selected. These were combined to simplify the airplane and reduce its size, purchase price, maintenance costs and weight. The light weight of the fuselage is achieved with-

out reducing its strength. With a full load of internal fuel, the F-16 can withstand up to nine G's – nine times the force of gravity – which exceeds the capability of other current fighter aircraft.

Air Combat Command (ACC) is the primary force provider of combat airpower to America's warfighting commands. To support global implementation of national security strategy, ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management and electronic-combat aircraft. It also provides command, control, communications and intelligence systems, and conducts global information operations.

As a force provider, ACC organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense. ACC numbered air forces provide the air component to U.S. Central and Southern Commands with Headquarters ACC serving as the air component to U.S. Northern and Joint Forces Commands. ACC also augments forces to U.S. European, Pacific and Strategic Commands.



## The F-16 Fighting Falcon “Viper”

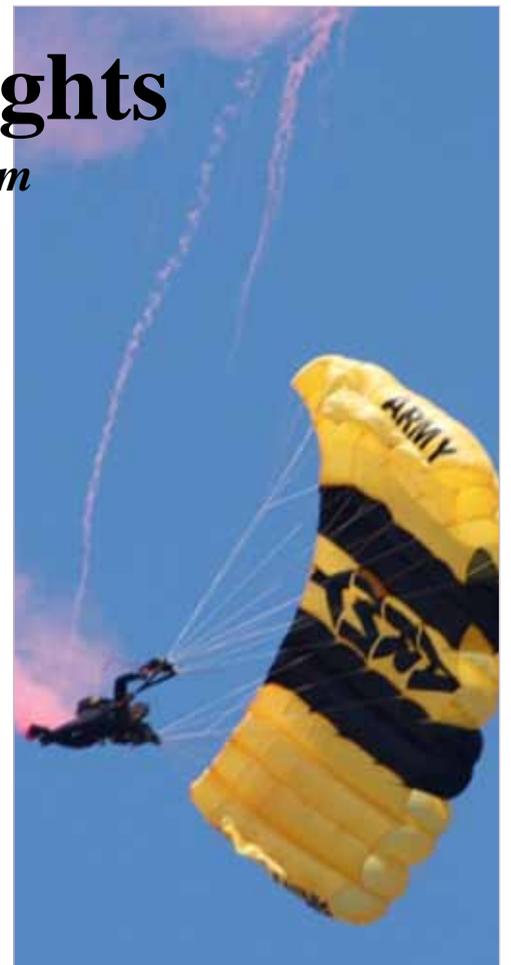


## Golden Knights

*US Army parachute team*

In 1959, 13 men joined together to form the Strategic Army Corps Sport Parachute Team, to compete in the then-communist dominated sport of skydiving. The team performed so well that on June 1, 1961, the Army officially recognized, designated and activated the team as the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

For 50 years the “Golden Knights” have been wowing audiences at air shows, competitions and most recently, with high profile tandems. The Army has two teams (Black and Gold) that perform throughout the year in support of the Army Recruiting Command. The two demonstration teams travel all over the country performing aerial demonstrations at air shows and special events in support of Army recruiting goals.





## Blue Angels arrive for 'Wings Over South Texas' air show

Above, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform a "sneak attack" on Rob Holland's MX-2 aircraft upon their arrival at NAS Kingsville Thursday for the 2010 'Wings Over South Texas' air show. Kingsville residents heard the jet roar overhead as the Blues made their arrival. Right, Capt. Phil Waddingham greets Blues' Commanding Officer Cmdr. Greg McWherter upon arrival. Below left, McWherter is interviewed by Fox News Bureau Dallas reporter Kris Gutierrez on the flightline. The Fox News team arrived early Wednesday to begin coverage of the 2010 Air Show. Regional reports from Kingsville were broadcast throughout the day Friday, March 26 to help promote the show. Gutierrez got to go for a ride with the Blues on Friday, and also went up with Rob Holland. Below right, Capt. Waddingham fills the Blue Angels in on the list of events that will be going on in Kingsville leading up to the air show. (Photos by Jon Gagne, Fifi Kieschnick and AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum, NAS Kingsville Public Affairs.)



## Blue Angels' Enlisted Personnel

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### Airframes

AM1(AW/FMF) Albert Schultz  
 SSgt Christopher Bushnell  
 AM1(AW) Vincent Stolp  
 AM1(AW) Suzanne Striedl  
 AM1(AW) Cory Keller  
 AM2(AW) Don Billings  
 AM2(AW) Marc Cobb  
 Sgt Ryan Groleau  
 AM2(AW/SW) John Jasinski  
 AM2(AW/SW) Christopher Sarvis  
 AM2(AW) Cody Weeks  
 AM2(AW) Nate Widner  
 Aviation Medicine  
 HM1(FMF) Richard Loza  
 HM2(AW/FMF) Jonathan Mocek

### Avionics

AT1(AW) John Tucker  
 SSgt James Breaux  
 AE1(AW) Richard Fenters  
 AE1(AW) Chuck Hejnal  
 AT1(AW) Larry Pitzer  
 SGT Chris Bautista  
 AT2(AW) Jonathan Cvek  
 AE2(AW) Taylor Farrish  
 AE2(AW) Sean Kirby  
 AT2(AW) Marshall Parks  
 AE2(AW) Richard Ramsey  
 AT2(AW/SW) James Tangman

### Crew Chiefs

AO1(AW/SW) Vince Dunhill-Cooper  
 AO1(AW/SW) Evan Bradbury  
 AT1(AW) Anthony Koppi  
 AO1(AW) Nathaniel Stuart  
 AS2(AW/SW) Jeff Harper  
 ABH2(AW) Andrew Kettler  
 AS2 John Lamson  
 AM2(AW) Kevin McHugh  
 AM2(AW) Ryan Moder  
 AO2(AW) Alicia Raper  
 AME2(AW) Travis Simpson  
 AT2(AW) Chad Swanson  
 AD3(AW) Jesus Kelly  
 AM3(AW) Daniel Pascual

### Events Coordination

YN1(SCW/FMF) Joshua Roscoe  
 YN2(AW/SW) Andreanna Oliver

### Life Support

PR1(AW) Jordan Moore  
 AME1(AW/SW) Curtis Friesz  
 AME1(AW) Kevin Swanner  
 AME1(AW) Keith Neville  
 AME1(AW) Mark Rummel

PR1(AW) Rodolfo Noriega  
 AME2(AW) Michael Finch

### Maintenance Control

AO1(AW/SW) Travis Legendre  
 AM1(AW) Matthew Bellin  
 AZ1(AW) Rebecca Kent  
 AZ1(AW) Keith Houghton  
 AZ1(AW) Derek Williams  
 AZ2(AW) Emily Nunez  
 AZ2(AW/SW) Kellie Price  
 AZ2(AW) Nick Schweikarth

### Paint Shop

AM1(AW/SW) Jason Mennella  
 AM1(AW) Chris Connolly  
 AE2(AW) Brian Cioffi  
 AM3(AW/SW) Harold Ramsahai

### Public Affairs

MC1(AW/SW) Joseph Reynoso  
 MC2(AW) Jennifer Blake  
 MC2 Chris Laurent  
 MC3 Julia Casper  
 MCSN A.J. Johnson

### Power Plants

SSgt Bryan Villarreal  
 AD1(AW) Jake Forbes  
 AD2(AW) Andres Certo  
 AD2(AW) Scott Garland  
 AD2(AW) Zackary Gruwell  
 AD2(AW) Chris Hilger  
 AD2(AW) Shane Umstead  
 Sgt Patrick Webb

### Quality Assurance

AM1(AW) Bryan Jones  
 AE1(AW/SW) Shawn Adkins  
 PR1(AW) Shawn Conley  
 AME1(AW) T.J. Coots  
 AM1(AW) Paul Rooney  
 AD1(AW) Scott Owen

### Supply

LS1(AW/SW) Jessica Doucette  
 LS1(SW) Oscar Arita  
 LS1(SW) Karla Ham  
 LS1(AW/SW) Andrea Hoffman  
 LS2(AW) Heather Hankins  
 LS2(AW/SW) William Kelly  
 LS2(AW/SW) Andrew Mucciarone  
 LS2(AW/SW) Stacey Myers  
 LS2(AW) Giselle Serrano  
 LS2(AW) Johnnie Wiley

### Video

AE1(AW/SW) Curtis Huff  
 AT1(AW) Benjamin Jones  
 AT2(AW) Meredith Ansley  
 AT2(AW/SW) Curt Metzger

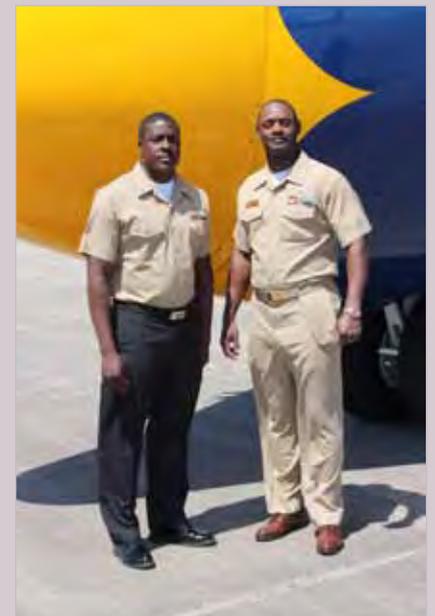
### Civilian Technical Advisors

Edward Robinson Brian Johnson  
 William McCullum Angel Ortiz  
 Elizabeth Sassaman

## Fat Albert Re-Enlistment



*Sailors and local media representatives from KING TV69 and KISD TV18 of Kingsville were treated to a ride in the Blue Angels' C-130 cargo plane known as "Fat Albert" during Friday's practice show. One Sailor, AC3 Terry Walker, from the Air Operations Department, took advantage of the flight to continue his Navy career by re-enlisting during the flight. ATC (AW/SW) William Hornbeak issued the oath of enlistment during the flight. When Fat Albert landed, crew members posed for a group photo with Walker in front of the aircraft. (Photos by AC3 Kiana Kahlbaum).*





With the release of its fourth studio album, “Believe,” Emerson Drive secured its place as one of the premiere bands in contemporary country music. The album, produced by Josh Leo and Teddy Gentry (of the legendary country band Alabama), showcases all of the attributes that have fueled the group’s long, steady rise through the country ranks; lead singer Brad Mates’ passionately expressive vocals; the extraordinary musicianship of band mates Danick Dupelle (guitar), Dale Wallace (keys), David Pichette (fiddle) and Mike Melancon (drums); the quintet’s ability to choose first-rate songs, coupled with their own growth as songwriters; and their ability to capture in the studio the energy that has made them one of modern music’s must-see live acts.

“Believe,” a co-release of The Valory Music Co. and Midas Records, captures the most extraordinary period in the group’s history. Their last album, “Countrified,” gave them their first #1 single (the smash “Moments”), earned them nominations for a dozen major

awards, including a Grammy, and set the stage for “Believe.”

“As we look back at the ups and downs we’ve gone through in the last eight years in our business and personal lives,” says Brad, “it’s obvious they have molded us into something very strong.”

Emerson Drive’s success has grown out of a dream that began in Brad’s hometown of Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. A selfless camaraderie has kept them united through the years, and a tireless work ethic continues to make them one of country’s busiest bands. Non-stop touring (their old bus recently passed the one-million mile mark) has won them fan loyalty that has been a key to their longevity.

“We have fans who have been with Emerson Drive since the beginning,” says David. “They’re still very dedicated. People believed in this band and continue to believe in us, and that means everything.”

The band will perform the National Anthem for Saturday’s air show, and a free concert following the Blue Angels’ performance Saturday afternoon.

### Pep Rally at Texas A&M University-Kingsville

More than 6,000 school children from throughout South Texas turned out for an “Air Show Pep Rally” at TAMUK on Friday. The event, coordinated by School Liaison Officer Jeannie Alexander (insert) and Ruben Cantu and his staff at the College featured flyovers by the Tora, Tora, Tora team, a group jump by the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, and talks by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, USAF Viper East Demonstration Team, and giveaways from Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Army recruiting teams.

